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A milestone anniversary

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Cranking out the smiles with gravel miles

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Riders of all backgrounds will be finding what moves them during the upcoming 8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton gravel race.

Hosted by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve for the third consecutive year, the bike race will provide a diverse cross-section of riders an opportunity to tackle as many 27-kilometre loops as they want within an eight hour period on Sept. 18.

"That's the point of the race is to show up and push yourself and see really what your body is capable of or your mind, depending on what really nags most first," race organizer and event founder Marc Sinclair said.

He adds this lapped race, which includes an undulating route with twists and turns on gravel roads, and close to 300 metres of elevation, is an ideal type of format for riders of all skill levels instead of a long distance race.

"You can do one or two laps and if that's all you're able to do and you've pushed yourself and you're happy with your effort you still get a finisher pass that shows the mileage you've done and you feel like you've accomplished something for the day. But it's in a safe manner so that way, when you finish a lap, you finish by your car [and] you can leave, but if it's a 200 kilometre [race] you get stuck half way, a 100 kilometres in it's just not a scenario that's great for beginners," he said.

This race isn't just for the elite riders, who are ready to take the podium. It's for everyone that loves to ride and has a yearning for a challenge.

Last year, the top solo rider completed 216 kilometres in eight hours on a gravel specific bike – think road bike with curled handle bars, but wider tires. In contrast, two perennial participants have come and ridden their fat bikes, which are heavier and have much wider tires than a typical 29er mountain bike, looking to not pass as many riders as possible, so much as take in and enjoy their race experience. They finished with 81 kilometres. This diversity also enables riders with all mindsets to find their group, whatever the pace they're setting.

In addition to the aid stations on the 27-kilometre course, racers can take a break, eat or socialize (before COVID) in the pit area at the start/finish, Sinclair said.

Sinclair characterizes the Forest as a "hidden gem."

"Haliburton Forest roads are really spectacular in the sense that they have these rolling hills. Their gravel is fast, flowing and you really get a back country experience when you're riding the gravel roads of Haliburton Forest," he said.

With COVID-19, running a race is nothing like it was before.

"That's probably one of the hardest things about being a race director during all this is you're so focused on controlling things and being proactive and COVID is something you can't control, so it makes it pretty difficult," he said.

At this point with health and safety restrictions related to COVID-19, it's not clear if there will be a mass start or staggered starts.

Returning riders will notice this year's route will seem the same, except it's counter-clockwise. This direction now includes a climb.

The event continues to grow and, like many in-person sporting events, exploded with popularity this year. There were 50 riders the first year and even with a cap last year because of health restrictions there were 100 participants. This year there are already 140 registered, but there are close to 200 on a wait list.

"So, I'm pretty excited to see what that turnout is going to be and then in addition to that we're hoping to open to the public as of Aug. 7," Sinclair said.

Within two weeks the race was sold out to the 100-rider permitted capacity when registration opened. Since January there was a wait list established and those participants were permitted to register a little more than a week ago.

Sinclair's aspirations include expanding the event to two days and creating a festival atmosphere where local partners and businesses, who were there at the very start of everything can come on site to interact with participants and learn more about the community.

Sinclair is thankful to everyone who has made his race possible, whether it's the volunteers, the Forest, Sir Sam's Ski and Ride for on-site mechanical assistance, and Haliburton Highlands Brewing, who has hosted the post-event party.

After two years Sinclair said the main thing he has learned is that an event like this is about building a community.

"Every year everyone learns a little bit more about the event and volunteers can handle their duties without working with me, because it's something they've taken on [before]. The racers are looking to improve their times. Each year they're training, practicing to push their own limits to see if they can improve year over year, and even just working with local businesses as well and building relationships with them to [help] build [the] community has been fantastic," he said.

See the website www.valleyworks.ca to stay up to date about registration, which opened to the public on Aug. 7.

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Haliburton Sculpture Forest

A Conspiracy of Ravens by John McKinnon, installed in 2012. The mystery of a group of ravens is captured in this steel and bronze piece. /Photo by Nadia Pagliaro

Culture and Sculpture: 20 Years of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest

YOUKIE STAGG

Special to *County Life*

When I first moved to Haliburton as a child in 2006, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest quickly became one of my favourite places to explore. As I grew up, so did the Sculpture Forest; adding dozens of new sculptures, hosting events, and attracting more and more visitors

Since the founding of the Haliburton School of Art + Design in 1967 (then the Haliburton School of Fine Art), Haliburton has been a draw for artists – many of whom have moved here and set up their practice. In 1997, recognizing the impact of art and artists on the local economy, the Haliburton County Development Corporation set up an "Art Committee" to promote Haliburton County as an art destination. One of the committee's projects was to commission unique public sculptures and place them in 10 different hamlets and villages throughout the region.

In 1999, Al MacPherson, a professor of Ecotourism at Fleming College's Haliburton campus, visited the Grizedale Forest - a National Forest in England's Lake District that features dozens of large sculptures along its trails and throughout the forest. MacPherson thought Glebe Park, a 175 acre woodland park in the village of Haliburton would be the perfect place for a Canadian Sculpture Forest. He shared this idea with Barb Bolin, Dean of the school and chair of the HCDC Art Committee. Bolin, never one to shy away from an interesting project that involved the arts, said, "Let's do it!"

Under the umbrella of the Art Committee, and with the approval of the Municipality of Dysart et al, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest was created in 2001. The Art Committee put out a call for artists to submit proposals for sculptures reflecting the natural and cultural history of the area. A jury selected *A Walk in the Woods* by Mary Ellen Farrow, *Moose Scraps* by Leo Sepa, and *Dreaming Stones* by Kevin Lockau.

From 2002 to 2005, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest's collection grew rapidly – 11 sculptures and two one-of-a-kind benches were added. With this rapid growth, the Sculpture Forest became incorporated as a separate not-for-profit organization.

The Sculpture Forest's mission is to bring together art, nature and people of all ages; creating a place for discovery, exploration, creative expression, and contemplation. Most galleries do not allow the public to touch the artwork, but visitors to the Sculpture Forest are encouraged to interact. When new sculptures are commissioned, the artists have to ensure that their work is durable and can stand up to the rigours of curious children.

The range of art on show and ease of the walking trails makes the Sculpture Forest suitable for people of all ages. With sculptures nestled along the trails, mounted on large erratics and tucked in forest glades, it creates a delightful treasure hunt for children and the element of surprise for the casual stroller.

The Sculpture Forest's collection has continued to grow throughout the years thanks to its success in acquiring grants and attracting private donors. The

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Partnerships create 'dynamic experience' at Sculpture Forest

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collection includes the work of several internationally recognized artists such as Mary Anne Barkhouse, William Lishman, Marianne Reim and George Pratt.

A poignant aspect to the longevity of the Sculpture Forest is that it has outlived some of the artists. Three of the artists whose work is in the Sculpture Forest have died subsequent to the installation of their sculptures – Amy Doolittle of Metalgenesis, the husband and wife artist team that created *Evolution* and *Sound Vessel: Forest*; William Lishman, the creator of *Kennisis: Horse and Ride*; and Jake Mol, one of the first artists of the Sculpture Forest and the creator of *Homesteaders*. Their legacy lives on within the Sculpture Forest and the thousands of people who enjoy their work.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is always interested in collaborating with other organizations to create dynamic experiences for visitors. In 2017, for the 150th anniversary of the confederation of Canada, they hosted four artists from three continents for a three week sculpture symposium. In 2018 & 2019 the Sculpture Forest partnered with Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) to create a series of dance performances inspired by the sculptures themselves. And since 2018, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest has partnered with the Haliburton BIA to host the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition, featuring six sculptures each year that accent the main street of Haliburton. Photography and film students at the Haliburton School of Art + Design have used the sculptures of the Sculpture Forest for inspiration since the Haliburton Sculpture Forest began. Over the years, the Sculpture Forest has been part of the Hike Haliburton Festival and hosted tours for many groups of students and international visitors. These collaborations have helped the Sculpture Forest introduce diverse audiences to art and sculpture in new innovative ways.

While most art galleries, museums, theatres and cultural events were forced to shut down during the multiple lockdowns of the pandemic, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, with its outdoor walking trails, was able to remain open. Through the combination of a compelling online presence and its uniqueness as a cultural site that allowed for social distancing, the Sculpture Forest attracted visitors from a diverse array of cultures (when they were allowed to travel) from all over Ontario. During this time the Sculpture Forest was also able to partner with Yours Outdoors an experience provider that could offer small group tours, while following all COVID-19 protocols (yoursoutdoors.ca). The self-guided tour provided through the PocketSights Tours app (available for Apple and Android devices) also proved popular.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest has a collection of over 40 sculptures by Canadian and International artists nestled along forest trails and surrounding the campus of the Haliburton School of Art + Design. It is located in Glebe Park at the edge of the village of Haliburton. It is open 365 days a year. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Kennisis: Horse and Rider by William Lishman, installed in 2008. Originally part of Lishman's installation at the Expo 86 in Vancouver, this piece tells the story of the importance of legs in the evolution of transportation and the connection between a horse and it's Cree rider. / Photo by Myra Stephen

For more information visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca. Free tours are offered every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in July and August and private small group tours are available year-round through yoursoutdoors.ca.

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Way and her Wayward Wind Band keep rock 'n roll and the classic rock flame burning in this high energy show that will thrill audiences with the electrifying sounds of the hottest rock stars in history.

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Concert creator, Leisa Way, has enjoyed a career that has taken her all over the world. She formed Way-To-Go Productions 10 years ago and has enjoyed phenomenal success with the 12 concerts she has created. These concerts include *Across the Pond* (The British Invasion); *Sweet Dreams* (Patsy Cline), *Early Morning Rain*, which celebrates the legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot; *Rhinestone Cowgirl* (Dolly Parton), and the patriotic *Oh, Canada, We Sing For Thee!* which travelled to 44 cities across the country during our Canada 150 year.

The Wayward Wind Band are outstandingly talented singer-multi-instrumentalists. Fred Smith has performed with the likes of Chuck Berry, The Supremes, The Drifters, and The Mamas & The Papas; Bobby Prochaska is a Broadway veteran (Buddy Holly & original production of Crazy For You (Royal Alex); Musical Arranger Bruce Ley was The Tommy Hunter Show pianist, is the composer of an Academy Award nominated film and his band once opened for The Rolling Stones; and drummer Don Reid, is a versatile percussionist who also plays with many orchestras and stage shows.

Make it a date night – or a night out for the entire family and join Leisa Way and The Wayward Wind Band for this fun night of greatest hits from rock's best. Rock the Night Away sets down at the Head Lake Park Bandshell. You'll be singing and dancing along to every song!

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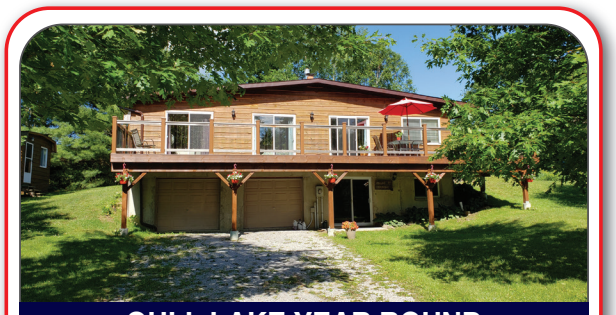

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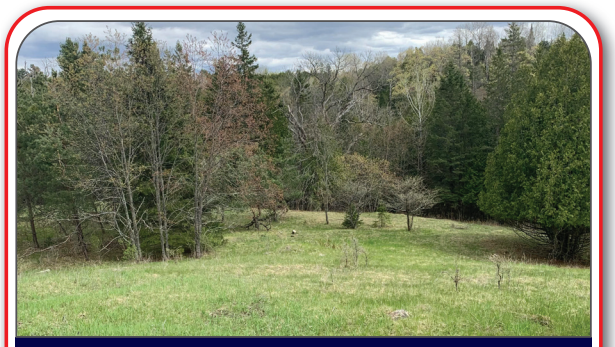

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Let's move the needle and get youth vaccinated against COVID-19

AS PARENTS, we want what's best for our children and teens. We want to offer support, protection, and advice. Although hugs may be a tougher sell for teenagers, they are important too – just like COVID-19 vaccines.

Right now, getting our youth vaccinated for COVID-19 is essential, especially before the start of school. The headlines are correct, a fourth wave of COVID-19 is likely this fall. While many older people are fully vaccinated, young people 12-17 years of age have the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rate of any age group in our region.

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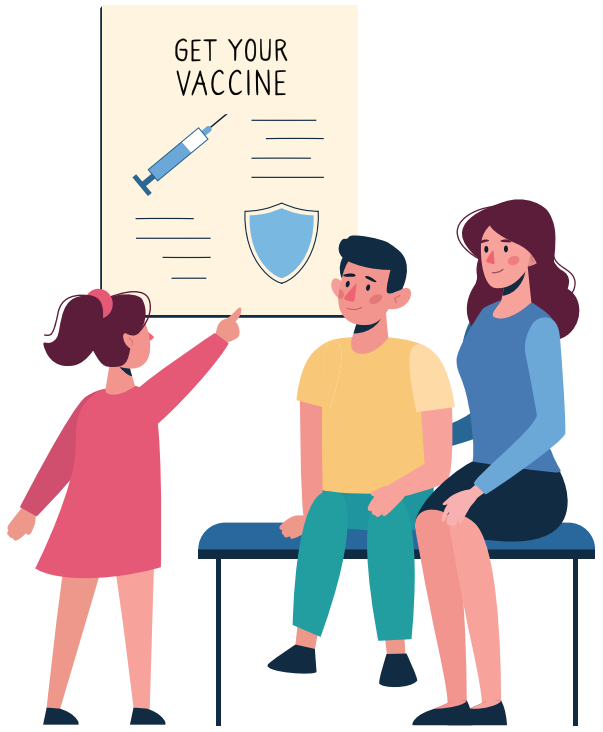
The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and approved for use in anyone 12 years and older (COVID-19 vaccines for younger children are still in clinical trials and awaiting regulatory approval for use). Two doses of Pfizer vaccine are needed for full protection, and the good news, is that there is plenty of supply locally, so no youth has to go unvaccinated and unprotected.

We know our youth are strong, resilient, and if sick with COVID-19, usually experience mild side effects. This is not the case for others whom a youth may encounter, should they be infected with COVID-19.

With an increase in fully vaccinated youth, we stand a better chance against a fourth COVID-19 wave caused by the highly-infectious Delta variant. Simply put, if our young, able-bodied constituents aren't protected from this even more dangerous variant, then neither are we as a community.

Let's encourage our teens to get vaccinated. Urge them to do it for the grandparent who has been isolated in a long-term care home and wants to give her grandchild a big hug. Do it so they can go back to in-person learning in September to see all their friends and favourite teachers. Do it so they can get back to what they love doing – hockey, dance, art class or hanging out with friends.

With fall, a new school year and (unfortunately) a fourth COVID-19 wave quickly approaching, the time to act, the time to get vaccinated is now. As parents, we need to move the needle and encourage our youth to get vaccinated. For their sake, our piece of mind, and our community's protection!



Top 10 reasons it would be no fun being a gull

IF REINCARNATION does exist, the last thing I'd want to be is a gull. Sure, they are beautiful in their own way. And, yes, they get to hang out by the water all the time. But, if you think about it, there is an obvious downside to being a gull. Here are my top 10 reasons, I wouldn't want to be one.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. KFC every day.
2. Every bit of dirt shows on your feathers.
3. Hard to stand out in a crowd.
4. Main hangout: garbage dump.
5. Always portrayed as goofs in cartoons.
6. All your friends have the same annoying voice.
7. Not anyone's national bird.
8. Beaches too crowded these days.
9. Everyone naturally assumes you are gullible.
10. Steven Sea Gull jokes.

Touchstone

Ferns sprouting from the fur of moss,
cloaking this behemoth of a boulder,
sprawling on the forest floor, roots crawling across the trail,
sunlight soaking the crowns of their trees,
leaking through the gauze of leaves, bathing Air in layers of green.
My lungs inhale, slow and deep, my feet and Breath pausing at the boulder to rest,
my fingers foraging through this forest of ferns,
drenching my hands in the softness of moss,
the boulder, a touchstone, before my feet tackle the steepness of the rest of the trail,
that lures and daunts me at the same time.
I lean against the boulder's haunches, gawking up at the giants of trees,
dwarfing the boulder, that lived here before they were saplings, even seeds,
roasting beneath the blaze of blue Sky,
before the eruption of trees brought shelter and shade.
A tree whose trunk grows sideways, catches my eyes,
as they roam along its crooked spine,
one limb, splintered,
the other, withered, leaves dangling from its other branches,
grazing the trunk of another tree, that springs from the earth erect as a pole,
its mop top of leaves, fraying in the breeze.
A stump squats between the boulder and the sideways tree,
moss blanketing the hollowed-out rot,
a tendril of green springing from the stump,
making me wonder whether the stump is still alive, still a tree,
whether its seed landed in a place where there wasn't enough space for it to expand and flourish, its growth stunted by the boulder and the crooked tree,
yet a sprig of Life still sprouts from its stump.
I slap the boulder, ruffle the stump's bandage of moss, So Long,
inhaling swigs of this forest Air, to prepare for the climb still ahead,
the trail swerving like a vertical River, rocks and trees offering quiet camaraderie,
as my feet stumble over roots and carbuncles in the earth,
reaching a clearing where the blue eye of Lake blinks up at me,
its raw beauty, capturing my Breath,
as breeze carries it over the giants of trees,
towards the blaze of Sky, where it soars,
unfettered and free.

Sylvie Kalenda

KAREN LONDON Staff

Backyard Astronomer: A grand meteor shower

GARY BOYLE

Special to *County Life*

The Perseids are among the best meteor showers visible to humans. /Photo courtesy of Pierre Martin.

Over the past few weeks, you have probably noticed a few meteors, or "shoot stars" at night. You are witnessing one of the best meteor showers of the year. The Perseid Meteor Shower is now underway from July 14 to Aug. 14. The best time to see the most meteors will be on the night of Aug. 12 and into the morning hours of Aug. 13. This year the crescent moon sets around 10:30 p.m. local time leaving us with a dark sky. By contrast, next year's Perseids takes place under a full moon, drastically reducing the hourly rate.

If you have the chance to observe from dark skies absent of any stray lights, enjoy the band of our Milky Way Galaxy as this collective glow of billions of distant stars stretches from Sagittarius in the south to Cassiopeia in the northeast. Also, brilliant planets Jupiter and Saturn will be out all night long to keep you company. They are unmistakable and located to the left of Sagittarius.

The peak of the Perseids produces about 90 meteors per hour but occurs late afternoon in daylight on Aug. 12. Towards the end of the night when the constellation Perseus is high in the sky around 3 a.m. on Aug. 13 we should still see from 50 to 60 meteors striking the atmosphere at 59 km/sec or 36 mi/sec. A higher number of bright fireballs may be seen on nights before the peak rather than nights after. The friction of comet debris causes the "flash" or "streak" which safely vaporize about 80 km high in the atmosphere with no chance of meteorites hitting the ground.

The parent comet is named Swift-Tuttle, a 26 km or 16 mile wide mountain of ice, dust and gravel that last appeared in 1992 in its 133-year orbit around the sun. It will return in the year 2125, replenishing a fresh path of comet debris ejected from the comet's surface as it gets close to the sun. Here is where the solar radiation interacts with the comet, causing volatile material to vaporize and create the comet's coma or cometary fog measuring close to 100,000 kilometres wide around the smaller nucleus. A dust tail forms as debris is blown off the comet's surface much like confetti blowing off the back of a truck on the highway. As Swift-Tuttle retreated from the sun's warming effects and back to the outer solar system, it faded away becoming a dark mountain once again only to be awakened by the sun upon its return.

The new comet dust lingers in space until Earth plows through the debris field in its yearly orbit around the sun, much like crossing the finish line of a race. This is why the Perseids and other known meteor showers occur at the same time each year. So gather a few friends and/or family members, set up chairs, bring snacks and take advantage of warm moonless conditions to view this epic display. Look up at the stars, listen to the crickets and frogs and let nature bring a sense of calm over you.

Till next time, clear skies.

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How to keep our feathered friends safe around our homes and cottages

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Still a good view of the bird feeders with Feather Friendly markers applied to the outside of the window. / Photo courtesy of FLAP Canada

Birds bring great beauty and happiness to our lives, and many of us enjoy bird watching, especially near our homes and cottages. During the summer, birds that are common in Ontario year-round, like northern cardinals and blue jays, are joined by visitors like ruby-throated hummingbirds and wood thrushes that have traveled hundreds or thousands of kilometres from their southern wintering grounds.

However, as much as we love to see these birds visit our yards, collisions with glass surfaces – primarily windows – in our homes, cottages and other buildings are a leading contributor to the decline in bird numbers.

Glass is invisible to birds, just as it can be to humans. Reflections of trees, greenery and the sky in the glass – especially at or below the height of trees – trick birds, and often result in deadly collisions. And daytime window collisions kill far more birds than lights at night.

Luckily it's quite easy for us to help stop birds from colliding with our windows and other glass surfaces. All that's required is that we place markers on the glass to help warn birds of the danger. To be effective, these markers must cover the entire surface of glass, be placed on the outside surface of the glass, and the gaps between markers can be no larger than 5cm x 5cm (2" x 2"). Multiple markers are essential - a silhouette of a single bird is not going to prevent birds from hitting that window.

If you're not sure what to use as a marker, some solutions include items you probably have at home. A bar of soap can be used to mark up your glass (though it's considered a short-term option because you'll need to re-apply when it fades or washes off). A series of ribbons or string can also be hung in front of your glass. Other cost-effective options can be purchased, like Feather Friendly Residential DIY Tape and the Acopian BirdSavers paracord system. When replacing your windows or installing glass railings, be sure to install a glass product that is bird-safe.

Please visit the FLAP Canada website if you'd like more information on what markers are effective, and what options, including do-it-yourself options, are available: https://flap.org/stop-birds-from-hitting-windows/.

If you do find an injured bird that has hit a window, you can help it by safely containing it (e.g., in an unwaxed paper bag or cardboard box) and immediately calling your local wildlife rehabilitation centre for advice. The faster you can get an injured bird help from a licenced wildlife rehabilitation centre, the better its chances of recovery. You can also find out more about helping an injured adult or baby bird at https://flap.org/finding-an-injured-bird/

FLAP Canada is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping birds safe from window collisions. If you have any questions about what you can do to help protect birds from colliding with windows, you can contact FLAP Canada at flap@flap.org

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My own private theatre
Of thrush and frog
Bat, cricket, owls
And that shy slim crescent
Swimming over dwindling elms
In and out of clotted cloud
Part blur, part shadow
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Then a slice of lemon

I like those first quavers of
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Sleepy lake taps its microphone
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Tonight I pause tv
And amble to the water
Study the space beneath
Where waxing moon hangs quiet
And glints like some strange
curling star
Pouring white fire onto
midnight waves
Through which a trio of
speckled ringnecks
Slides soundlessly in wet chevron
Until one restarts its eerie plainsong
The second loon says nothing
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Impressionist landscape painter James Goodliff did a little on-site painting during the tour.

Potter Lyn Lawrence, from Revolutions Studio in Haliburton, explains to visitors how she goes about incorporating different decorative styles into her pieces.

Another successful tour

Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon was one of 23 artists to participate in the 15th annual Tour de Forest, which took place at several studios across the Highlands on July 31 and Aug. 1. Rendon specializes in creating innovative art forms depicting nature and wildlife on embossed metals./ MIKE BAKER Staff

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Experienced wood turner Terry Lawrence shows off a couple of charcuterie boards he recently completed.

Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studio welcomed visitors into his home once again for the 15th annual Tour de Forest, showcasing dozens of pieces of stained glass art he's completed over the years.

Barbara Hart, of Art by Hart studio, was excited to sell one of her pieces - Portrait Jazz Greats, an acrylic painting on canvas - to Jim and Linda Love. The couple are big fans of Hart's work, with this latest piece being the 12th they've purchased from Barbara.

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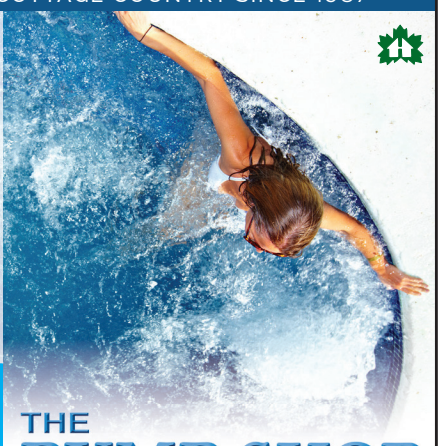

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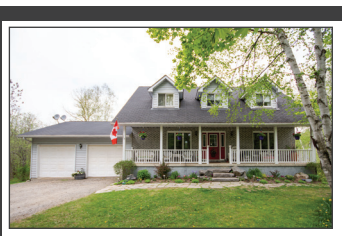

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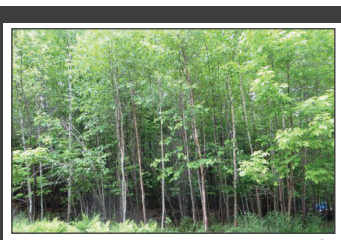

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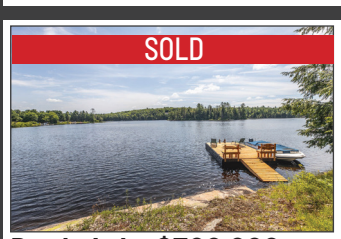

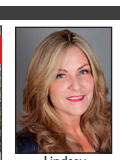

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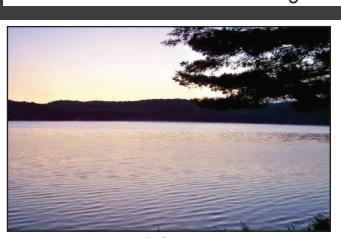

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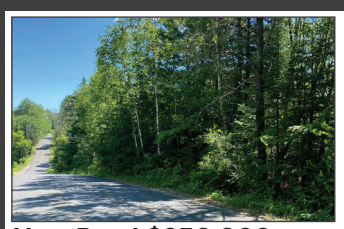

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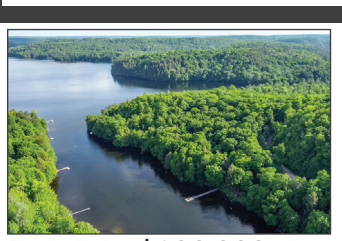

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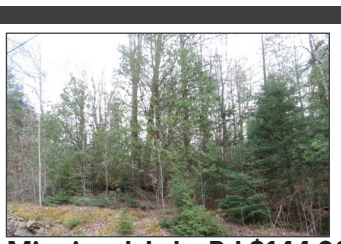

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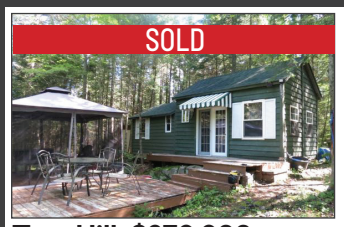

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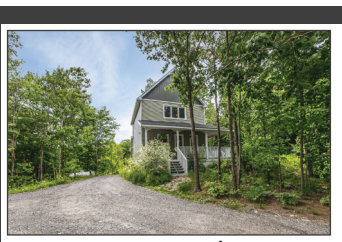

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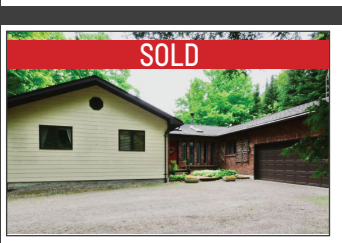

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- Willingness to live in Haliburton County
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INSIDE THE ECHO

Everyone loves a parade and the people lining the streets of Haliburton last Wednesday night during the Rotary Carnival were no exception. For more details on this summer ritual, see page 9

The School of Fine Arts had a smash hit on its hands last week when John and Debra Phillips arrived to teach willow furniture making. For details, please see page 18

Krista Mitchell and Philip Johnston have a lot of talking to do—she's just about to go to Germany as the Rotary Exchange student and he's just returned from Finland. The profiles start page 20

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School board trustee figures won't change

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The number of trustees serving on the Haliburton Board of Education will not change despite the new formula used in the calculation of representation.

The new law, introduced by the Ontario Ministry of Education, is designed to re-calculate the number of trustees sitting on each board according to the permanent population of the area the board serves. Prior to Bill C-125 the number of trustees was based on assessment of property.

There are 14 trustees, plus one representing the separate school, presently sitting on the Haliburton Board of Education. Under the new bill, Haliburton's population of 11,945 puts the base number of trustees at 12. The board had the option to increase or decrease that base number by one or two trustees and last Thursday they voted to add two to the base number, which , in effect, means the number of trustees will remain unchanged under the new system.

There were two reason why the board decided to leave the number of trustees unchanged according to Director of Education, Stuart Baker.

If the number of trustees were reduced, more of the smaller municipalities would have to share trustees. At present only Bicroft and Cardiff have to share a trustee, and if the number of trustees were reduced, more townships would have to share. Baker says the board wants to maintain as much one-to-one representation as possible.

If the number of trustees were reduced it would also increase the work load generated by committees and fewer members would have to spend more hours to do the same amount of work. Baker says the work load has increased as it is over

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More than 5,000 people packed into Glebe Park this weekend for the Haliburton Legion Bluegrass Festival. For more pictures and story, see our Second Section

Strummin' on the old banjo...and the auto harp

Business centre gets grant for upcoming year

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has received $482,300, and praise for its work, from the federal government.

The announcement was made on Monday by the MP for Victoria-Haliburton, Bill Scott, during a visit to the offices of the HCDC in Haliburton.

The HCDC was set up by the federal government to aid in commercial and industrial development in the county. The corporation has been structured to assist the needs of small businesses with regards to financing, counselling and information services.

This is the start of the third year of the corporation's five year mandate. Over the course of the five years the corporation will be able to loan a total of $1.5 million to small businesses. After the five year period has expired the government will stop funding the corporation and the HCDC will use the revenue generated by the interest on the loans to become self-sufficient.

Last year the HCDC invested $353,400 in local business which created 25 full-time jobs, three part-time jobs and four seasonal jobs. Manufacturing and tourism are the industries that received the most funding from the corporation.

HCDC Program Consultant Tom Cookson credited the efforts of Corporation Chairman Andy Campbell and the staff at the HCDC with the success of the program.

The corporation is administered by a volunteer board of directors and Cookson praised the individuals who donate their time to the HCDC and whose "experience and expertise are invaluable in obtaining the corporation's economic goals."

Scott said society today couldn't operate without the work of volunteers. He praised the HCDC for its efforts to date and urged them to continue to create long term employment for residents of Haliburton County.

Lack of air conditioning slows Haliburton Hospital expansion

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

Construction on the addition to the Haliburton Hospital won't begin at least until next spring because the Ministry of Health is demanding the installation of central air conditioning.

It's going to take three months to re-draw the working drawings of the addition to allow for necessary duct work needed for central air. Originally it was hoped to go to tender in September.

Leo Doiron, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, said the hospital had submitted the drawings to the Ministry and were in the process of answering detailed questions about the plans when they were informed that the new addition had to be equipped with the air conditioning.

Central air was not provided for because it was felt given the design of the addition, air conditioning would not be necessary.

The cost increases due to the changes won't be known until the new plans are drawn. The Ministry has said it will pay two-thirds of the increase, but Doiron fells given the circumstances, the MOH should have to pay 100 per cent of the additional cost.

Doiron wants the people of Haliburton County to know why construction of the addition has been delayed and feels the board has "an obligation to keep the people advised."

Another heat wave rolls in

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

August was ushered in with the latest and most oppressive heat wave this summer. The day time highs for the first week of August were never below 34 degrees Celsius according to Minden's weather watcher, Phil Graham.

But the Humidex for the same period was well into the 40's. The Humidex is a summer version of the wind chill factor. In the winter wind makes the air feel colder than it is and in the summer the humidity makes the air feel warmer than it is. So although the thermometer was reading 34 it felt like 44.

The body's natural defense against heat is to perspire. As the perspiration dries it cools the surface of our skin. But in extremely humid weather the air is so damp that our perspiration doesn't evaporate and our built-in air conditioners shut down.

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Health care: It's not as free as you might think

There's one thing you'd never be able to put a price on at the Haliburton Hospital: The personal and caring attention. Here RNA Deborah Bain helps patient May Roberts

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

IT ALL SEEMS SO... FREE. You walk into the doctor's office, you walk out an hour later, perhaps not cured but not any poorer either. Need a new heart? You'll get one as soon as it's found. Never mind that each day you spend in Intensive Care following the operation will cost the province $1,200—that's nothing to you. What about blood tests, brain scans, physiotherapy, corrective surgery or the latest in technological wizardry? Your only cost is the time you spend waiting for treatment. For $360 a year in Ontario Health Insurance Plan premiums, it doesn't seem like such a bad deal.

But of all the things in the world which one can get for free, health care isn't one of them—it just seems that way because we never have to see the bill.

Just consider these figures for a moment:

In the next year, the province of Ontario will devote one-third of its budget to health care. In dollar terms, this means $12.7-billion or $1,600 for every man, woman and child in the province. Ten years ago, the pricetag was $3.68-billion and only half of the increase has been swallowed up by inflation.

Only $1.738 billion of this will come from OHIP premiums, yet at the same time, OHIP will be billed for $3.2-billion's worth of services. That's a 15.5 per cent increase every year since 1981.

All those high-tech treatments you're hoping will solve your problems will cost the province $5.491-billion. And if a hospital decides that a new cardio-vascular surgeon is needed to provide that life-saving treatment, it will cost $1-million a year just to provide the back up services, over and above the surgeon's wages.

The province is being asked to approve capital projects, of which Haliburton's Continuing Care Unit is one, totalling $254-million. In 1976, it was being asked to approve $96.5-Million worth of capital spending.

A bitter pill

In short, "free" health care is turning out to be a bitter pill for the government to swallow. And

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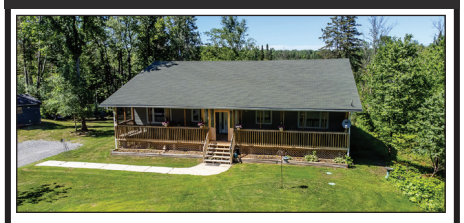
IRONDALE RIVER $759,000



This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. Built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck.

HIGHWAY 118 $575,000

Private year-round home situated on 10 acres. Located 15 minutes to the towns of Minden and Haliburton. This is a great home for a large family. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, and large rec room. Hardwood and laminate flooring and custom kitchen. Open concept living room and dining room with walkout to the large deck. Large 2 storey shed is ideal for the handyman, artist or just storage.

COPE LAKE ROAD $575,000

Looking for privacy? Then this 2+1 bdrm, 2 bath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Open concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades.

CONTAU LAKE $535,000

This stunning 8.38ac parcel of land features 864 ft of frontage and Southeastern exposure. Surrounded by mature trees with plenty of cleared land for privacy and quiet living. Perfectly nestled amongst the trees is a 3 bdrm traditional log cottage. This three-season cottage has a dug well (not currently operational) and cistern, a small single detached garage/ workshop, woodshed, and ample storage space in shed.

MAIN STREET REZ $529,000

A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

GELERT ROAD $499,000

Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

KENNISIS LAKE $699,000

NEGAUNEE LAKE $498,000

IRONDALE RIVER $465,000

CONTAU LK ROAD $329,000

TROOPER LAKE $320,000

ANGEL ROAD $249,000

BUCKSLIDE ROAD $225,000

PROVIDENCE DR $199,000

VACANT LOTS

LOUISE LANE 35+AC $275,000

SOUTH DR SOLD 00 2.16AC

SOUTH DRIV SOLD 2.34AC

STILLS ROAD 1.2AC $149,000

CHALET RC SOLD 00 1.72AC

TAILFEATHER SOLD 45AC $23,500

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